

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 13, 2007. Claims 1-2, 4-12, 15-22 and 24-25 are pending in the application. By the present amendment, claims 1, 10 and 18 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 3, 13, 14 and 23 have been cancelled without prejudice. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection in view of the amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 10, and 18 and cancelled claims 3, 13, 14 and 23 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that originally presented claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisionals.

By the Office Action, claims 1-2, 4, 6-11, 13, 15-22 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0091268 to Hogan et al. (hereinafter Hogan) in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0227583 to Shaffner et al. (hereinafter Shaffner) and further in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0201711 to Koh et al. (hereinafter Koh).

Claims 1, 10 and 18 have been amended. Claim 1 now includes the subject matter of claim 3; claim 10 includes the subject matter of claims 13 and 14, and claim 18 includes the subject matter of claim 23. Claims 3, 14 and 23 were deemed to be allowable by the Examiner if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim


and any intervening claims. It is respectfully that claims 1, 10 and 18 and their dependent claims are now in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowability of claims 3, 5, 12, 14, 23, and 25 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's IBM Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

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